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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

This is to respond to Office Letter dated 02/04/2004.

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Claims 1-9 for examination.

The elected claims pertain largely to Figures 1A-5 and corresponding descriptions thereof. Please telephone the undersigned at (408)777-8873, if there are any questions.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231", on April 1, 2004. Faxed to (703)872-9306.

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